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COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

This Month in Search and Rescue

December 2020

Special points of interest:

12.3.2020 Training and Meeting SEACOM 1800

12.5.2020 Impromptu Tech Training

12.9.2020 Missing Person Search SV

12.12.2020 Juvenile Search Sunsites

12.13.2020 Supplemental K-9 Training Empir Ranch

12.20.2020 Supplemental K-9 Training Hwy 83/I-10.

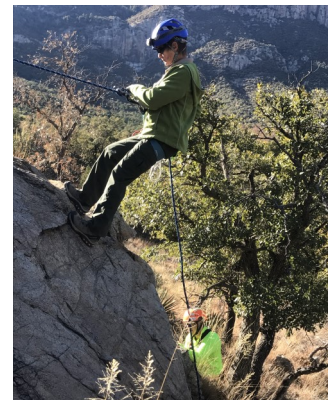
12.3.2020 Training and Meeting SEACOM

Well, this CORONA Virus for sure has put a damper on our Christmas pot luck. Instead we had our training and the meeting at SEACOM, Sheriff Dannels sopped by to swear in new members present and via ZOOM. Not everyone read the e-mail, so hopefully in January or near future during one the sheriff's meeting, most of the new members can get sworn in. 12.3.2020 Training and Meeting SEACOM



12.5.2020 Impromptu Tech Training

This was a pretty much one on one training. Everyone learned something new and also worked on some old techniques. It is always a good idea to incorporate some of the old techniques, one never



knows, when you might have to use them. New techniques are important as well. Technical rescue is constantly evolving, and we for sure need to get with the program for MRA membership.



12.9.2020 Missing person search



terminated the subject might have been left behind in the area of the Huachuca Mountains. This date

mation came about the subject might be in the Whetstone Mountains. Quite a difference in location. Waiting for information how the new location came about. Thus far we have not heard anything from this other search—would say a wild goose chase, and eventually we will or someone else will come across the remains.

Maybe in the new year we will check the other area out given to us, placing the subject somewhere in the Whetstones.

These mountains are unforgiving, especially if one gets hurt or is in bad physical and or health conditions. Help is far away and the cell service does often no work and subjects call from a 911 prefix you cannot call back. Truly tragic.

The information for this call came out a day prior in the late evening hours. A female had called from Mexico stating she had no heard from her husband since November 2. Further, she gave coordinates of the phone, which were plotted. A search was commenced the following day to search for possible remains. None were found. It was later de-



12/18/2020 new infor-

12.12.20 Juvenile Search Sunsites

Well we tried to have a day off and do some Christmas stuff. Did not work for many of us. While shopping for supplies SAR was activated for a missing 10 year female in the Sunsites area. She had left the home between 0530 and 0800 hours, and left no trace. By the time we were called and arrived several hours had passed. We deployed several mobile teams, a K-9 team and several ground teams. We had checked an area she was located once before, with no luck. The K-9 showed a lot of interest in the same area, but continued over to another street. With 30 plus miles an hour wind, the scent was blown everywhere. She was finally located way out of town, approximately 3 miles from where she started. The K-9 team was pretty much on the right track. Go Sophie.



K-9 Training Empire Ranch 12.13.2020

This was another awesome supplemental training day for our K-9 team. We had two handlers from Pinal County attend this training as well, working on specific problems with our K-9s, such as cross trails, starts, and replicating working around and through buildings looking for a subject.



Yup, the subject walked along here. Nose down.



HRD did well also, the stuff is right here hanging in the tree. And I know it is



here in between the pallets. We

also worked on wilderness search problems, incorporating a moving subject. Was not easy, the wind had stopped. Working on the K-9 to range and then give the appropriate alert they have found someone. If the subject is a distance away, and there is not good alert by the K-9 to tell the handler they have found someone, they might totally bypass that person, which would be no good, and could end up with a fatality in a real search. All the training we do, which is a lot, is geared toward reliability of the K-9. We learn from failure to get better. TRAIN UNTIL YOU GET IT RIGHT- WILL BE FOREVER.

K-9 TRAINING CONITNUED



Subject was moving away from the K-9, something new and a little confusing for the K-9, but she worked through it and gave her handler a good alert. "Hey, I found the guy, he is over there."



K-Oz the little HRD dog found his source as well. He did pretty good considering the source was about 6 foot up in a tree. Not bad for "Shorty".



Here are Bruce and the love of his life Ellie.



Sometimes it is best to go around an obstacle, especially during a navigation course. Shortcuts, might get one in trouble, big trouble



When it comes to saving lives—only the best will do—CCSOSAR, that's who!

1.2.2021 Tech Training
West Stronghold—Rappel

1.7.2021 Training and Business Meeting SEACOM and ZOOM 1800

1.9.-12.2021 Seminar

1.16.2021 General Training: SAR Vehicles Re-pack and Search Tactics Class
Mandatory Attendance
SEACOM 0900 hours.

1.23.2021 K-9 TBA

1.30.2021 K-9 TBA

January 2021

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February 2021

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2.4.2021 Training and Business Meeting SEACOM and ZOOM 1800

2.6.2021 Helo prep and Personal Skills, Charleston Bridge 0900 hours.

2.13.2021 Helo Requals E Stronghold

2.14.2021 K-9 TNG TBA

2.20.2021 Tech Training—Low Angle Techniques West Stronghold

2.21.2021 K-9 TNG TBA

2.28.2021 K-9 Tng TBA

12.18.2020 Rescue Fort Bowie

The team was activated for this call around 1430 hours, when SEACOM contacted one of the SAR coordinators advising them of a medical call in the Fort Bowie area, and being unable to pinpoint the location. The call involved a 68 year old female who had fallen sustaining an ankle fracture. The coordinates plotted about .7 miles from the trailhead on the Overlook Trail. The reporting party was contacted and further information was obtained regarding what type of fracture, open closed, and if any other medical conditions existed changing the response. The PR advised closed fracture, after his wife slipped on a rock on their way back to their vehicle. No other medical issues or concerns were given at the time. The PR was told response time is about 1.5 to 2 hrs, depend-

ing on where our rescuers came from. Further, if they had enough with them to stay warm.

The closest teams, as well as a Park Ranger, arrived within an hour and made contact with the subject and her husband. The leg was splinted and stabilized. Upon arrival of other team members we transported the stokes and wheel to the trailhead area off Siphon Canyon. The canyon brought us within 1000 feet of the subject. She was secured in the stokes, extracted and trans-

ported via vehicle to the awaiting ambulance, where care was turned over. She was transported to the Willcox Hospital for further treatment.



Awesome job team, and without the help of a helo!!



SUPPLEMENTAL K-9 TRAINING I-10/SR83

On 12.20.2020 we conducted some more supplemental K-9 training off of Old Sonoita Highway. The location gives us enough area to split trailing and HRD onto the two sides of the road. We could up set up some challenges for our K-9s having to work through a lot of distractions.



Britany, the youngest trailing dog in training coming in hot.

She will be an awesome trailing dog. Justin working a single blind HRD problem. No issues locating the source.

We are always working on specific problems to ensure our K-9s give the appropriate (protocol) Final Trained Response (FTR). / Also, not leaving the source if the handler keeps walking not having observed the K-9s response. Reliability is the key to everything.

It does not matter, whether Wilderness, HRD or Trailing, nothing is worse than having K-9s no one can depend on, or no one



will believe in the team. The teams reputation is always hanging on the line, and we have to work very hard to keep us as handlers in check. Be able to read the K-9, not to call them off if they are in scent etc.

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY!! AND WE WANT TO BUILD ON THIS CONSTANTLY!! TRAIN UNTIL YOU NO LONGER GET IT WRONG— TRAINING FOREVER!!



Dr. Scuba Corner

“Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.”

Think about what you are trying to accomplish, devise the plan and go for it. Failure will turn into success.





**WISHING ALL OUR
VOLUNTEERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES A
WONDERFUL &
HEALTHY NEW
YEAR!
YOU ALL ROCK!!**